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GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT

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NOTIFICATION

The 4th January, 2013.

No.POL.214/91/291.—The Notification No.S.O. 2674 (E) dated 4th November, 2012 published by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, declaring the State of Assam and 20 Kms. wide belt in the State of Meghalaya along the Border with Assam as 'Disturbed Area' under Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 is hereby republished for general information.

Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
Political Department.

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**NOTIFICATION**

New Delhi, the 4th November, 2012.

S.O.2674(E).—Whereas the Central Government in exercise of powers conferred by Section 3 of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 (28 of 1958) had declared the entire State of Assam as 'disturbed area' with effect from 27th November, 1990 *vide* Notification SO 916 (E), dated 27th November, 1990.

And whereas the Central Government in exercise of powers conferred by Section 3 of the aforesaid Act had also declared besides other areas, the areas falling within 20 Kms. wide belt in the State of Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya along their border with the State of Assam as 'disturbed area'.

And whereas the declaration that the State of Assam and areas falling within 20 Kms. wide belt in the State of Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya along their border with the State of Assam shall be 'disturbed area' under the aforesaid Act was extended from time to time after reviewing the law and order situation in the State of Assam and aforesaid areas.

And whereas a further review of the law and order situation in Assam and 20 Kms. wide belt in the State of Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya bordering Assam indicates the following:-

- i) The law and order situation in the State of Assam has continued to be a matter of concern due to the violent incidents by underground outfits.
- ii) During the period January to September 2012, the Under Ground Outfits were involved in 120 incidents of violence in Assam which resulted in killing of 19 persons including 3 security personnel.
- iii) The militant outfits operating in the area continue to affirm their faith in armed struggle and indulge in acts of violence to create panic among the common people, disturbed the administrative system and extort from the people.
- iv) The areas falling in the 20 kms wide belt inside Arunachal Pradesh have witnessed the presence of United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA) in Lohit, Changlang and Tirap Districts of Arunachal Pradesh which the outfit uses for infiltration from/exfiltration into its base camps in Myanmar and for temporary transit camps and shelter while on move to escape Counter Insurgency operation in Assam.

- v) Recently, an operational alliance has emerged between United Liberation Front of Asom (Anti-Talk) [ULFA (AT)] faction and United People's Democratic Front (UPDF) an Arunachal based nascent outfit to operate jointly in Arunachal Pradesh as well as in Assam.
- vi) The bordering areas of Assam with Meghalaya are being used by Under Ground outfits like Garo National Liberation Army (GNLA) and Karbi People's Liberation Tigers (KPLT). The GNLA, particularly in West Khasi Hills District, is facilitating the ULFA (AT) in establishing safe shelter/base in Bangladesh, bordering the Garo Hills Districts of Meghalaya.

Now, therefore the entire State of Assam and 20 kms belt in the State of Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya bordering Assam shall continue to be 'disturbed area' under Section 3 of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958(28 of 1958) upto one year beyond 3.11.2012, unless withdrawn earlier.

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